

Acquisition Celebration Ceremony
October 31, 1997

Ceremony Celebrating the WV Central Railroad

W E L C O M E

*Honorable Joe Martin
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Master of Ceremonies*

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July 11, 1997

William P. McNeel
810 Second Avenue
Marlinton, West Virginia 24954

Dear Bill;

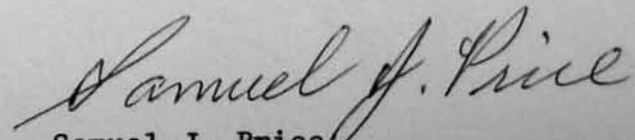
We finally made it such as it is. Howard Payne picked-up his 500 books this morning and was well pleased with the reproduction.

Enclosed is your picture and a copy of the book. I hope you will enjoy it.

Howard A. Payne of Belington, West Virginia, has 470 books and is selling them for \$3.00 each.

Again: Thank you for your assistance.

Yours truly,


Samuel J. Price

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GOOD NEWS



Little Leroi on the Greenbrier

Leisurely 90 minute ride along the beautiful, unspoiled Greenbrier River.

Schedule & Departures

April & May: Saturdays, Sundays: 1:00pm & 3:00pm

Memorial to Labor Day: Wed thru Mon: 11am, 1 & 3pm

September: Saturdays, Sundays: 1:00pm & 3:00pm

Oct 1-18: Wed thru Mon: 11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm

Nov & Dec: By reservation

Fares

Adults: \$7.00, **Seniors:** \$6.00, **Children:** \$5.00

Children 4 and younger free.

Cheat Mountain Salamander Railbus

Dramatic 34 mile round trip through high mountain wilderness.

Schedule & Departures

Memorial to Labor Day: Thurs thru Mon: 10am, 2:00pm

September: Saturdays, Sundays: 10am, 2:00pm

Oct 1-18: Thurs thru Mon: 10:00am, 2:00pm

Fares

Adults: \$12.00, **Seniors:** \$11.00, **Children:** \$10.00

Children 4 and younger free.

Group Rates and Charters

Contact Office for details.

Plan early to reserve your preferred date & time.

**Two
Great
Rail**



Adventures in
Pocahontas
County

**The Durbin & Greenbrier
Valley Railroad**

&

West Virginia Central Railroad

P.O. Box 44, Durbin, WV 26264

(304) 456-3442

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West Virginia economic development via Private Enterprise

Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad & West Virginia Central Railroad

1999 Routes & Services

In 1999, the Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad and its West Virginia Central Division offer, running from north to south, the following:

- scenic excursions along the Tygart Valley River from Belington to Elkins in a luxuriously restored train owned and operated by the Roanoke Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society;

- Antiques, novelties, gifts, railroad memorabilia and our famous 'Big Swamp' ice cream cones from our *Rail & Trail Store* across the street from the historic 1920s Durbin Depot;

- Dramatic rides in our new Leyland Railroad the Chase Mountain Salamander, through some of the most stunning wilderness in the east, and;

- Scenic views along the beautiful Greenbrier River in an open observation car and restored saloons pulled by our faithful *Loan* engine.



Directions to Durbin:
On US Rte 250
65 mi W of Staunton, VA
35 mi E of Elkins, WV

Ride to the Top on the Cheat Mountain



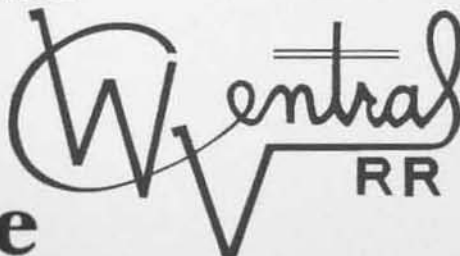
Salamander!

Our unique Leyland National R3 Railbus carries you on a stunning 35-mile mountain wilderness trek from Cheat Bridge to Big Cut. The **Salamander** crosses five bridges over a fisher's paradise – Shaver's Fork of the Cheat River. Scenery is dramatic, ever-changing. The **Salamander** passes the abandoned log-



ging town of Spruce on its way to the top of Big Cut. At 4,066 feet, it's the highest mainline rail in the east. Riders overlook an endless vista of West Virginia mountains. Even in August, you'll need a jacket at this altitude. Beat the heat on our new rail excursion!

1999 Schedule



Memorial Day through Labor Day:

Thursday thru Monday

September: Saturday and Sunday

October: Thursday thru Monday

Departures:

10am & 2pm

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Tickets: Adult \$12.00, Senior \$11.00, Child 5-12 \$10.00

Special runs & Charters by arrangement.

Directions: On U.S. 250 73 miles West of Staunton, VA

& 27 miles East of Elkins, WV. Watch for our signs.

Buy tickets on board & in Durbin, WV, at:

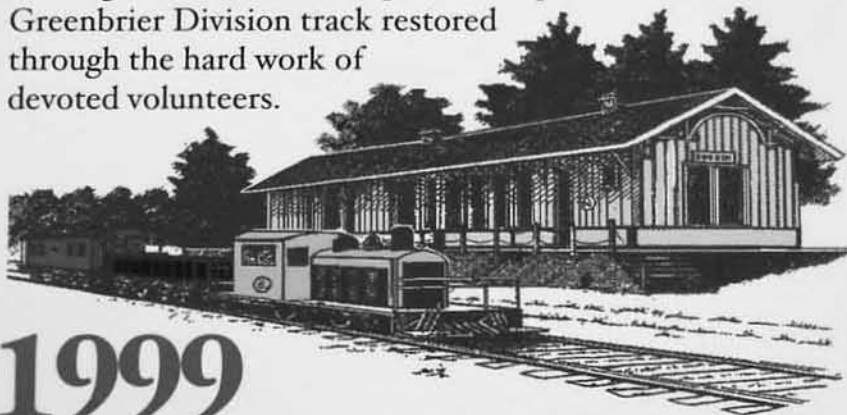
Rail & Trail Store

Presented by: West Virginia Central Railroad Division of
Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad, a private enterprise.

P.O. Box 44, Durbin, WV, 26044, 1-877-MTN-RAIL

Friendly, Wilderness Scenic Railroad Adventures

Few places east of the Mississippi can compare with the remote and unspoiled Greenbrier River Valley in Pocahontas County, West Virginia. Guests ride an open observation car and restored 1920's caboose pulled by Little LeRoi – the type of antique engine featured in the children's classic *The Little Engine That Could*. The ninety minute ride meanders along this untamed river in the embrace of the Allegheny highlands. Keen-eyed travelers may spot wildlife including beaver, golden eagles and basking turtles. The tour operates on part of the C&O Greenbrier Division track restored through the hard work of devoted volunteers.



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Group discounts, Special runs & Charters are available.

Tickets sold at the:

Rail & Trail Store

Home of our famous "Big Scoop" ice cream cone, unique gifts, local crafts, collectibles and railroad memorabilia.

Directions: On **U.S. Route 250** in Durbin, WV, 65 miles West of Staunton, VA, and 35 miles East of Elkins, WV.

Presented by The Greenbrier Division of the
Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad.

P.O. Box 44, Durbin, WV, 26264 **1-877-MTN-RAIL**